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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as illustrated below so that after amendment, a complete set of claims reads as follows. No new matter has been added with the amendment of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) A method of online shopping, comprising:
providing a client shopping cart browser plug-in application for generating an online shopping cart usable at a plurality of merchant sites;
connecting to a merchant site;
exchanging information between the merchant site and the client shopping cart regarding one or more items in the shopping cart; and
transferring check-out information for at least one of the items in the shopping cart from the client shopping cart to at least one of the merchant sites.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining whether the merchant site supports the client shopping cart application.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
exposing the items in the shopping cart for bids from the merchant sites.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
selectively hiding information regarding at least one of the items.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
password protecting the online shopping cart.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
obtaining purchase approval prior to transferring check-out information.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
configuring the shopping cart according to configuration information received
from a user.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the exchanged information
includes one or more uniform resource locators (URLs) associated with the checkout of each
of the items.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the exchanged information
includes an indication of whether the items are to be included during checkout.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
retrieving locally stored shopper information for checkout; and
transferring the locally stored information to the at least one merchant site.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
determining whether any of the stored shopper information is missing; and
prompting the shopper to manually enter missing information.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
transferring a confirmation object from the at least one of the merchant sites to
the client shopping cart application.

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13. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored in a computer-usable medium, comprising:

means for providing a client shopping cart browser plug-in application for generating an online shopping cart usable at a plurality of merchant sites;

means for connecting to a merchant site;

means for exchanging information between the merchant site and the client shopping cart regarding one or more items in the shopping cart; and

means for transferring check-out information for at least one of the items in the shopping cart from the client shopping cart to at least one of the merchant sites.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:

means for determining whether the merchant site supports the client shopping cart application.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:

means for selectively hiding information regarding at least one of the items.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the exchanged information includes one or more uniform resource locators (URLs) associated with the checkout of each of the items.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the exchanged information includes an indication of whether the items are to be included during checkout.

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18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:
means for retrieving locally stored shopper information for checkout; and
means for transferring the locally stored information to the at least one merchant site.
19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 18, further comprising:
means for determining whether any of the stored shopper information is missing; and
means for prompting the shopper to manually enter missing information.
20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:
means for transferring a confirmation object from the at least one of the merchant sites to the client shopping cart application.
21. (Currently amended) A system for online shopping at one or more merchant sites, comprising:
a remote client running a browser plug-in shopping cart application for generating an online shopping cart usable at a plurality of merchant sites;
a browser application running on the remote client for connecting to a merchant site;
means for exchanging information between the merchant site and the client shopping cart regarding one or more items in the shopping cart; and
means for transferring check-out information for at least one of the items in the shopping cart from the client shopping cart to at least one of the merchant sites.

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22. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for determining whether the merchant site supports the client shopping
cart application.
23. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for selectively hiding information regarding at least one of the items.
24. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for retrieving locally stored shopper information for checkout; and
means for transferring the locally stored information to the at least one
merchant site.